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SUBJECT:

Status of Immigration Legislation: House
Failure To Adopt Rule "Kills" House Bill

1. On September 26, 1986, the House voted to reject the "rule" under which it was to consider H.R. 3810, the House version of omnibus immigration reform legislation. This, in effect, precludes any further action on the bill for this Congress.

2. As far as future prospects are concerned, any bill on the subject would have to be reintroduced next year in the new (100th) Congress and begin the legislative process all over (hearings, etc.). At this point, it is questionable whether the legislation's proponents, especially Senator Simpson in the Senate, are willing to make what would be a fourth try at what has become a long, grueling and apparently futile exercise. Representative Mazzoli, a veteran of the first two efforts, has already dropped out.

3. In lieu of a complete bill, however, it is possible that proponents may select out one or more of the less controversial items in the package and attempt to pass them as separate legislation.

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